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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM STATUS REPORT

1. CODEL CURTIS (CONFIDENTIAL)

SENATOR CURTIS HAS DECIDED THAT A REPORT ON HIS DELEGATION'S VISIT TO CHINA SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BUT SHOULD BE SENT ONLY TO PRESIDENT FORD. HE ENVISAGES THE REPORT AS BEING BRIEF AND CONSISTING OF THE IMPRESSIONS GAINED BY THE SIX SENATORS DURING THEIR TWO-WEEK VISIT. WE HAVE PROVIDED HIS OFFICE WITH COPIES OF THE MEMCONS WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG AND OFFERED ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CODEL MIGHT WISH IN PREPARING THIS REPORT. SENATOR CURTIS IS STILL OUT OF TOWN BUT IS EXPECTED BACK IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, WHEN A CALL BY YOU

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ON HIM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN IS

ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A DINNER PARTY FOR THE CODEL THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

2. CONFERENCE ON SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE FIRST CONFERENCE, ENTITLED 'THE US AND CHINA AFTER MAO,' WAS HELD NOVEMBER 30 AT THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED RAY CLINE, FRANZ MICHAEL, WILLIAM BUCKLEY, SENATOR HIRAM FONG AND HAROLD HINTON. THE PRESENTATIONS RANGED FROM A MORALISTIC INDICTMENT OF THE PRC (BUCKLEY) TO A SYSTEMATIC TREATMENT OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC (HINTON). THE OVERALL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE WAS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD GAIN NOTHING FROM FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. THE CONFERENCE GENERATED LITTLE MEDIA ATTENTION. AN EXPECTED DEMONSTRATION BY PRC SUPPORTERS ALSO DID NOT MATERIALIZE, ALTHOUGH TWO YOUNG MEN PASSED OUT LEAFLETS DEMANDING THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN OUTSIDE THE HOTEL.

THE SECOND CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY THE US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 10 - 11 AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON.

3. AMBASSADORIAL SHIFTS (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE KNOW SO FAR THAT FIVE PRC AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN RECALLED TO PEKING -- UN, CANADA, WEST GERMANY, IRAQ, AND JAPAN. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PRC AMBASSADORS IN FRANCE, ITALY AND TURKEY ARE ALSO BEING RECALLED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE PRC AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE AND AMBASSADOR HAN HSU HAVE BOTH DEPARTED THEIR POSTS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS AND THIS COULD BE SIMPLY A NORMAL SHIFTING OF ASSIGNMENTS, BUT THE TIMING SUGGESTS A RELATIONSHIP TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN CHINA AND TO CH'IAO KUAN-HUA'S REPORTED DIFFICULTIES.

4. SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT SEMINAR (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
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ALTHOUGH EA/PRCM WAS ASSIGNED ONLY TWO OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT SEMINAR, MOST OF THE OTHER SCHOLARS ALSO HAVE SOME INTEREST IN CHINA AND MOST HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY EA/PRCM. MANY OF THEM HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING CHINA DESK OFFICERS VISIT THEIR UNIVERSITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. CONSULTATIONS FOR DAVID DEAN (UNCLASSIFIED)

DAVID DEAN WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH YOU, WIN LORD, PHIL HABIB, BILL GLEYSTEN, HERB HOROWITZ, AND RALPH SCARRITT.

FROM EA/ROC STATUS REPORT:

6. US-ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL (CONFIDENTIAL)

US FIRMS ARE STILL WRESTLING WITH HARD DECISIONS ON THE EXTENT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN USROCEC AS PLANS FOR THE COUNCIL'S INAUGURAL MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 8, MOVE AHEAD. IN A MEETING WITH HARRY THAYER THIS WEEK, TRW TOLD US IT HAS LOWERED THE LEVEL OF ITS PARTICIPATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUT IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ITS POTENTIAL SALES OF OIL WELL PUMPS TO THE PRC. TRW IS CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP IN NCUSCT AS A COUNTER-BALANCING GESTURE TO THE PRC. RCA HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED NOT TO JOIN USROCEC; THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THIS MAY BE DUE TO RCA'S PERCEPTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS DISCOURAGING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW GROUP. WE CONTACTED RCA TODAY AND REITERATED THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT MEMBERSHIP IN USROCEC IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE FIRM.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

7. HUANG HUA NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER (CONFIDENTIAL)

NCNA ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 2 THAT HUANG HUA HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY THE CURRENT NPC MEETING (SEE NEXT ITEM). THIS ACTION TENDS TO CONFIRM MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAS ENCOUNTERED POLITICAL
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DIFFICULTIES, POSSIBLY RELATED TO HIS OVERZEALOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN LAST SPRING.

8. NPC THIRD SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OPENED NOVEMBER 30 AND IS STILL MEETING. THE AGENDA LISTS ONLY FOUR ITEMS: POLITBURO MEMBER AND NPC VICE CHAIRMAN WU TE'S OPENING SPEECH; ULANFU'S ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO IRAN AND KUWAIT; THE APPOINTMENT OF TENG YING-CHAO (CHOU EN-LAI'S WIDOW) AS A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE; AND

QUOTE APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS. END QUOTE WU'S SPEECH, WHICH IS THE ONLY ITEM WE HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR, CON-

TAINED PREDICTABLE PRAISE FOR HUA KUO-FENG'S APPOINTMENT AND CONDEMNATION OF THE GANG OF FOUR. WU, HOWEVER, DID STATE THAT CRITICISM OF TENG HSIAO-PING WOULD CONTINUE, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT TENG WILL NOT BE AMONG THE APPOINTEES AT THIS SESSION. WE ASSUME THAT SOME ADDITIONAL VICE PREMIERS MIGHT BE NAMED, AS WELL AS NEW MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND POSSIBLY PUBLIC SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

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